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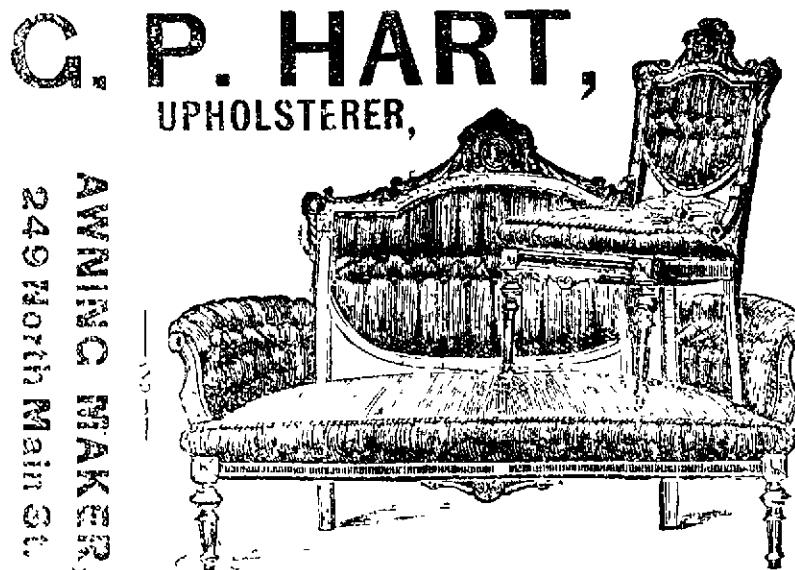
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BY TELEGRAPH
FROM WASHINGTON.

The June Crop Report Showing a Material Improvement.

General Sheridan's Departure—Will Take Steps to Prevent the Invasion—Accepted His Resignation.

Insists Upon Kellar's Removal—Growing in Favor—Speaker Carlisle at the Capital.

Crop Reports.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 11.—The Department of Agriculture reports that cotton has made a material improvement during June. There are few imperfect stands reported. The temperature and rainfall have favored the growth, and fruiting has commenced in the Gulf States; local droughts are very rare, and the moisture is generally sufficient from Virginia to Texas. It is somewhat in excess in the lowlands, interfering with cultivation and stimulating the growth of grass. The general average condition has advanced from 92 per cent. in June to 97 in July. It has not been exceeded in July since 1850. This will insure barding drawbacks likely to come in the later summer, a large crop. Averages of condition by States are as follows: Virginia, 98; North Carolina, 93; South Carolina, 96; Georgia, 97; Florida, 95; Alabama, 92; Mississippi, 93; Louisiana, 92; Texas, 92; Arkansas, 92; Tennessee, 97.

Estimates of the wheat crop made by the agricultural department at Washington show a slight advance on previous figures. The condition of the corn crop is reported as higher than any year since 1850. The area planted is 74,000,000 acres.

Gen. Grant was not so strong yesterday as he was three days before, but seemed cheerful and bright. He was visited during the day by Gen. S. B. Buckner, the Confederate officer whose surrender to Grant at Fort Donelson was the first step in the great commander's march towards fame.

JUDOS PRENTISS, of the county court of Cook county, proposes to submit to the supreme court the constitutionality of the new election law. The point to be submitted is as to whether it is not a "special law for the opening and conducting of an election," which the constitution prohibits.

THE NEW YORK STAR thinks that the discordant spirit which prevailed in the Republican party is passing into the ranks of the Democracy. Thus it is that history repeats itself. Once before, when the devils were cast out of the men, they entered into the Lord of swine.

A Mysterious disease, which has thus far baffled the skill of the physician, has become epidemic in Portugal. Persons seized with the plague die within a few minutes after being attacked. The afflicted persons have none of the symptoms of any disease known to medical practitioners, and the doctors are unable to give the disease a name, much less to arrest its progress.

As ice deposit in the month of the Sandy river, in Oregon, is twenty feet high, half a mile long, and extends back an unknown distance. It was formed by high water from the Columbia, driving it into the Sandy, and has since been covered with sand to the depth of two to five feet.

THE LEADING Democratic organ in the South, speaks out a good deal of truth right in the Democratic meeting when it says that "the offensive partisan business begets an offensive, mean, low, base set of instruments, no party can afford to employ." It will be remembered that many of these "mean, dirty, low instruments" engaged in "the offensive, mean, low detective service" have been Democratic Congressmen. If their service appears mean, low, and dirty now, how much meaner, lower, and dirtier it will appear next winter when the South begins to call for papers, and letters, and witnesses in some of the cases in which these Congressional detectives have figured! The full dirtiness and meanness of their work will not appear until then.

Something for the Baby. What a terrible affliction it is when the house is a cross, crying baby! A young man on the very edge of insanity might easily be frightened from his purpose by having too much of that sort of music at the house of his trusted friends. Yet babies cry continually when they are sick. One tempestuous of Parker's Tonic given to the baby will bring rest and sleep to the baby and all the house. Only 50 cents, at drug stores.

THERE is something very touching in the following words of General Grant, written by him in response to a remark by Rev. Father Dohm, a Catholic priest of Baltimore, who called on the sick man last Wednesday and told him that they were all praying for him. The General smiled gently and wrote:

"Yes, I know, and I feel very grateful to the Christian people of the land for their prayers on my behalf. There is no sect or religion as shown in the Old or New Testament to which this does not apply—Catholics, Protestants and Jews, and all the good people of the nation, of all politics as well as religions, and all nationalities, seemed to have united in wishing for or praying for my improvement. I am a great sufferer all the time, but the facts I have related are compensation for much of it. All I can do is to pray that the prayers of all these good people may be answered so far as to have us all meet in another and better world. I cannot speak even in a whisper."

Rating that the circular of July 20 does not impose a duty on domestic products shipped from one American port to another through Canada by routes part rail and part water. Shipments by all rail routes are to be treated as heretofore.

Growing in Favor. WASHINGTON, D. C., July 11.—Representative Warner of Ohio, says his silver proposition is being discussed in financial circles and is growing in favor. He thinks that the bill should be adopted by Congress, and that it must be established upon a sound basis satisfactory to everybody.

To Continue the Same System. WASHINGTON, D. C., July 11.—The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has decided to continue the system of supervising the operations of fruit distillers which has prevailed during the past three seasons, and a circular to that effect has been issued to collectors.

To Act as Secretary of State. WASHINGTON, D. C., July 11.—Assistant Secretary of State Porter has returned to Washington from Tennessee, and will act as Secretary during Mr. Bayard's absence.

A Twenty Days' Vacation. WASHINGTON, D. C., July 11.—Cabinet officers have decided to allow twenty days' leave of absence to employees in their respective departments.

Speaker Carlisle at the Capital.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 11.—Speaker Carlisle arrived here yesterday, and will remain for several days.

Warning Factions in Kentucky. LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 10.—A bad state of affairs is reported from Green County. Near Littletown, that county, George Al. Newell and his little son, together with Henry Kleg and one Dooley, are barricaded in a barn, with a hundred and Winchester rifles, while on the outside is a hunting party composed of several members of the Dowells family, the Pennington boys and others. During sharp-shooting Tom Dowells got a rifle ball through the body, which disabled, and will, perhaps, kill him, and out of the Pennington party, who are very well armed, it is another case of factions. The Edwards party have been hemmed up in the barn for two days without food or water, and the Dooley party swear that they will starve them to death and kill them. The Dowells party received reinforcements yesterday, and now number 150. The Edwards party are now 100. The Dowells claim to be powerless, but the citizens are agitating the question of banding together and arresting both parties. The situation is reported most serious, and much bloodshed seems probable.

Without Foundation.

NEW ORLEANS, La., July 11.—Considerable excitement and indignation was created at the different exchanges yesterday by the announcement that dissidents had been seated at Chicago and New York, reporting twelve cases of yellow fever in this city. The rumor is without foundation. Only two cases have been reported, that of a child, who died a month ago, and that of a young Creole, who has fully recovered. Notwithstanding the diagnosis of the doctors, the people do not believe that the case was, in fact, of yellow fever, as the young man was a native who had passed through several epidemics and was considered exempt. He had never been around the shipping of the city. As it is an evening paper offers a reward of \$100 for the name of the person who sent the dispatches. No case of yellow fever exists in the city.

Stock and Post-Office Robbed.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 10.—W. J. Campbell, proprietor of a grocery store at Rosedale suburb, opened the store yesterday morning for the day's business, he was surprised to find the door covered with burglars' tools. When he examined the safe he was still more surprised, for it presented a badly-damaged appearance and had been thoroughly rifled of its contents. Rosedale Post Office was also broken into, and the robbers landed there, taking down with stamps, securing 4,000. They also walked away with \$100 in money. The robbery was reported to the police, and if the robbers attempt to pass the stolen stamp it will probably lead to their capture. The robbery was doubtless committed by the same gang that has operated fruitlessly in the city for two weeks past.

Denison's Water Supply.

DENISON, Tex., July 10.—The test of the wells at the proposed site for the water-works was commenced yesterday morning in the presence of a committee of three Councilmen and three citizens. The first hour's actual flow was 6,630 gallons. If this flow continues it would give 144,720 gallons every twenty-four hours. The old water works had as much as the first, the flow would give Denison 217,780 gallons of water daily.

Makin Preparations.

BOSTON, Mass., July 10.—Fred E. Heath, of Milwaukee, and W. J. Hart, of St. Louis, respectively President and Corresponding Secretary of the National Amateur Press Association, Louis Kenner, of New York, President of the Eastern Amateur Press Association, arrived here to prepare for the convention of the two associations, to occur next Wednesday and Thursday.

Six Buildings Burned.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 10.—Six buildings on Main street, with their contents, were totally destroyed by fire this morning in Sharpsburg, a village adjacent to this city. Loss, \$22,300; insurance, small.

The Week's Failures.

NEW YORK, July 11.—There were 171 failures in the United States reported to Bradstreet's during the week, against 191 in the preceding week, and 191, 110, and 124 in the corresponding weeks of 1884, '83 and '82, respectively.

Mr. BIRKBEAD at the Point of Death.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 10.—Up to midnight Mrs. Secretary Bayard seemed improved but slightly, but early this morning her illness took an unfavorable turn and her physicians have now abandoned hope. Fears are entertained that she may not live through the day.

Does Not Impress a Duty.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 11.—Assistant Secretary Fairchild has written to the Collector of Customs at Oregon,

PHILADELPHIA suppressed the small boy on the glorious Fourth, and a journal in that city says "there was a depressing silence" upon Independence Day, the streets were deserted, and the solemnity was suggestive of the presence of a plague.

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Dollar Excursion to Springfield.

The W. St. L. & P. Ry. will have an excursion to Springfield, Tuesday, July 14, 1885, for the benefit of the First M. Sunday school. Fare for the round trip, \$1.00; children over 5 and under 12, 50 cents. Tickets for sale at the City Book Store, the American Express Office, and the Depot platform, on the morning of the excursion. The train will leave at 8 a. m. returning, leave Springfield at 6 o'clock p. m. d-dt.

The cholera is subsiding in some portions of Spain, and it is now hoped that the city of Madrid will escape the scourge.

Dr. see those very pretty new style in fan's Shoes at J. H. Black & Son's.

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ORCHIDS.

Facts Relating to Their Propagation and Habits of Growth.

They are found in all tropical countries. Some of the largest and most showy are natives of Brazil, Central America, and Mexico, but India and all the warmer regions of the Eastern hemisphere contribute hundreds of species now cultivated in the orchid houses of Europe and America. The *Cattleya*, which are perhaps the most striking of all the orchids, are natives of Brazil and Central America, and two or three out of some fifty species are credited to Mexico. The *C. Dendron* of Costa Rica has flowers fully seven inches across, and a beautiful purple color, with the exception of the lip, which is a rich, deep crimson. The bulb of this species is a foot long, covered with one thick, broad leaf six to twelve inches long. Next to the *Cattleya* the *Laelia* and *Vanda* are most highly prized; the first are natives of tropical America and the second of Asia. In their native forests some of these gigantic epiphytes completely overrun the largest trees, and at certain seasons of the year cover them with the most brilliant and grotesque flowers.

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